GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:310
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2001
MONITORING SYSTEM FOR PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bull of the Corbett Park is coveted trophy for poachers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government monitor the ways and means by which the State Government manage, administer and plan all aspects of National Park/Sanctuaries/Forest Reserves falling under their domain;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the extent to which monitoring is done in case of expenditure of funds released by the Union Government to the State Governments;

(e) the further steps proposed to be taken for more rigid and efficient monitoring system for protection of wildlife;

(f) whether requests have also been received from environmentalists in Andhra Pradesh to develop and protect some sanctuaries; and
(g) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f) & (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 310 DUE FOR R ON 13.8.2001 REGARDING MONITORING SYSTEM FOR PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE

(a) & (b) The tusks of bull elephant fetch high prices in the clandestine market outside the country .

(c) The responsibility of implementing the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act in respect to national parks and wildlife sanctuaries and reserve forests vests with the State Government . The Ministry of Environment and Forests facilitates management of national parks and sanctuaries by the State Government by providing financial and technical inputs only. Review of the management of national parks and sanctuaries, tiger reserves and elephant reserves is made by the members of the Steering Committee of Project Tiger and Project Elephant as well as officers of the Ministry.

(d) The State Governments are required to issue utilisation certificates giving specific details of the works carried out from the financial assistance provided by the Central Government under various centrally sponsored schemes. Random physical inspection of the works is also done by the officers of the Central Government.

(e) Specific responsibility has been allocated to each officer posted in the wildlife wing of the Ministry for visiting national parks and sanctuaries in various States.

(f)&(g) Dr. Pulla Rao has requested for providing financial assistance to Papikonda Sanctuary inAndhra Pradesh. On the basis of the proposals, first instalment of financial assistance of Rs. 15.00 lakhs has been released to the State Government.